



## Report of the Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods Directorate

### South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### Subject: Area Managers Report

<b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b> Ardley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell  <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<b>Specific Implications For:</b>  Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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### Executive Summary

This report details a range of activities taking place within the Outer South Leeds Area, some of which are dealt with in greater detail elsewhere on the agenda.

This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements of the Area Management Team relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in September 2010.

#### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Management Team are engaged based on the Area Delivery Plan priorities, that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

#### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the March Area Committee, a new format for this report was introduced based on the Area Delivery Plan themes and priorities. Ward Members confirmed priorities for 2010/11 during a recent round of ward member briefing meetings and the 2010/11 Area Delivery Plan was approved at the July Area Committee.

### **3.0 Updates by Theme: Culture**

#### **3.1 Morley Literature Festival**

- 3.1.1 Marketing of the Festival continues in the run up to the event, with all members of the committee working hard to promote the festival both in the local area and further a field. All promotional material has now been distributed and online marketing continues. A big news piece is planned for the Yorkshire Evening Post and the Morley Observer has a weekly campaign schedule. Ticket sales are being monitored weekly by the team.
- 3.1.2 The Director has been promised extensive marketing support during the last few weeks of the festival by the White Rose Centre Manager. Banners, posters and leaflets will be displayed throughout the centre, the festival will be advertised on the White Rose TV channel and website and the Festival, supported by Polo PR, is organising a book-signing in the centre by Barbara Taylor Bradford on Saturday 16th October.
- 3.1.3 Eleven schools attended the Inset Session on 9 September and feedback from teachers from the event was very positive, with all signing up to the Festival's Authors in Schools programme. This year's author visits will include a pre-planning session between an identified teacher and author in order that the workshop is more embedded in students learning. In addition, the festival is working with the Youth Service to promote two comic workshops at Drighlington Youth Group.

### **4.0 Updates by Theme: Enterprise and Economy**

#### **4.1 Changes to the role of Town Centre Management**

The Area Committee at its last meeting requested a joint meeting between representatives of the Town Council, Chamber of Trade and Area Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to identify some of the future operational requirements of Town Centre Management and clarify the respective roles of the main partners. That meeting took place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and the following was agreed.

- Area Committee Wellbeing funding allocated to Town Centre Management work would be held by Morley Town Council.
- Wellbeing funding and Town Council funding would be allocated to projects based on an event plan submitted by the Chamber and approved by the Morley Town Centre Management Board (MTCMB).
- Monitoring reports would be submitted by the Chamber to the MTCMB and the Town Council. These monitoring reports would form the basis of reports to Area Committee.
- Minutes of the Town Centre Management Board would be provided to the Town Council.

## 4.2 Town & District Centre Regeneration Scheme

### 4.2.1 Local Shops Initiative

One applicant has completed work to the value of £2,600. We still await further information requested from four further interests.

### 4.2.2 Pedestrian Trail

The painting and replacement of street furniture along Queen Street in the town centre is complete. The installation of the spot light to the War Memorial is pending.

## 4.3 Town & District Centre Regeneration Scheme: Morley Bottoms

The Project Team continues to meet to coordinate this scheme.

The current scheme in Morley Bottoms has 3 operational components:

1. Affordable Housing
  - Lettings plan to develop
2. Enforcement
  - 1-3 Brunswick Street still to resolve.
  - 2a Queen Street work complete.
3. Planning
  - No current issues

## 4.4 Rothwell Inter Agency

Rothwell Inter Agency has met twice since it was relaunched in March 2010. In developing the themed approach to its meetings the group has addressed 'Children and Young People' issues recently. At its September meeting a presentation was received on 'Highways' the meeting went well although still poorly attended.

## **5.0 Updates by Theme: Environment**

### 5.1 Ginnel Mapping

A draft Morley North ginnel map has been produced by the Information Team identifying land ownership and Public Rights of Way. Area Management are now liaising with Aire Valley Homes on identifying ginnels they are responsible for.

### 5.2 Additional Litterbins

37 locations for new litterbins in Outer South have been identified by Ward Members in conjunction with local community groups. These locations have been audited by Streetscene to assess their suitability and Area Management is awaiting results.

### 5.3 Well being Funding

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group, have identified anti littering educational workshops for schools and out of hours patrols as projects that could be funded with the £3,000 revenue Well being Funding.

### **Out of Hours Patrols and new signage**

A rota has been drawn up for the HEAS officers to start patrols at locations agreed by Members at the September meeting to tackle dog fouling.

Members are asked to discuss and agree the list of locations at **Appendix 1** as sites for metal A4 signs to be erected at entrances of Parks to tackle dog fouling.

### **Anti Littering Workshops**

Groundwork have been commissioned to deliver a workshop and clean up at Newlands Primary School to target litter problems along Wide Lane and the immediate area surrounding the school.

## **6.0 Updates by Theme: Harmonious Communities**

### **6.1 Year of Volunteering**

6.1.1 Area Management continues to support the South East Area Management link with Leeds Year of Volunteering and to deliver the Outer South Area Committee programmed for Year of Volunteering, including; attending the monthly Theme Leads Meeting at Enterprise House and promoting the City Wide Volunteering Awards; The Owls, to groups in the Outer South. The priority neighbourhood worker has submitted 7 nominees to the OWLS for volunteers in the Outer South.

### **6.2 Rothwell Events**

Members' ringfenced £10,000 revenue Well being Funding to support a number of Rothwell events during 2010/11. At the Rothwell Ward Member briefing meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Members identified an additional project for the hire and installation of a Christmas Wreath for Blackburn Hall during the festive period. Area Management have arranged with Leeds Lights for the installation of the decoration in November. Total projects costs come to £300 for installation and hire. This leaves a balance of £1,058 to be allocated.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the above information and make comment as appropriate.
- b) discuss and agree locations to be put forward for sites for signage to tackle dog fouling issues in parks as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

### **Background Papers:**

- Area Managers 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010
- Well Being Report 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010
- 'Department of Communities and Local Government: Extra Support for Town Centres', Regeneration Management Team Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009